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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [1] with the following amended paragraph:

[1] The present application is a CONTINUATION-IN-PART of Application Serial Number 10/628,749 entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PAD PRINTING filed 28 July 2003, and is related to both Application Serial No. 10/628,820 entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMAGE CAPTURE AND PAD TRANSFER" and application Serial No. 10/628,750 entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ANIMATION PAD PRINTING" both filed on 28 July 2003; and is related to Application Serial Number 10/618,107 entitled Image Transfer System and Method, filed 10 July 2003 and Application Serial Number _____ (20003-7024) 10/728,118 entitled "APPARATUS, METHOD, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR ANIMATION PAD TRANSFER" and filed on even date herewith. These related applications are all hereby expressly incorporated by reference for all purposes.

Please replace paragraph [57] with the following amended paragraph:

[57] Figure 13 is a perspective view of an alternate preferred embodiment for a pad transfer system 1300. System 1300 includes a transferer 1305 for transferring an image to an element of pad 120' and a pad element extractor 1310. Extractor 1310 of the preferred embodiment includes two counter-rotating rollers (a leftmost is rotating clockwise) for separating a bottom-most laminar element. Similar to system 600 shown in Figure 6, system 1300 has a pad receiving area 1315. There are a number of configurations of system 1300, depending upon use and extractor 1310. In a simple embodiment, extractor 1315extractor 1310 is simply a part of an imaging engine to transfer an image to an element of pad 120' (e.g., the bottom-most element) while permitting user access to a different element of pad 120' (e.g., the top-most element). In some implementations, extractor 1310 removes the desired element from pad 120' and uses the removed element in cooperation with the image transfer engine. In other implementations,

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extractor 1310 includes, in cooperation with the image transfer engine, a duplexing option to transfer images to both sides of the removed element.

Please replace paragraph [59] with the following amended paragraph:

[59] Figure 15 is a perspective view of an alternate preferred embodiment for a pad transfer system 1500. System 1500 includes a transferer 1505~~transferer 605~~ for transferring an image to an element of pad 120' and an element release 1510. Transferer 1505~~Transferer 605~~ may, depending upon implementation, have different placement locations, such as the two optional locations shown in Figure 15. System 1500 receives pad 120' in an arced or bent configuration, which shape stores potential energy. One or more elements of pad 120' will, when permitted by release 1510, release the potential energy and move towards a more planar configuration. By appropriately controlling the arc of pad 120' and release 1510, individual elements are controllably separated from pad 120'. One position for transferer 1505~~transferer 605~~ transfers an image prior to release, and the other transfers an image after release. Individual elements are thus fanable. In some implementations, system 1500 includes a sequenced mode to flip through consecutive elements of pad 120', and when pad 120' has recorded thereon a suitable sequenced set of images, system 1500 will "playback" the sequenced images.